REMARKS

Entry of the foregoing and favorable consideration of the subject application, in light of the following remarks, are respectfully requested. By the foregoing amendment, the title has been amended to conform to the English language translation. Additionally, claims 4-6, 17, and 20-24 have been amended to delete the multiple dependency. No new matter has been added.

In the event that there are any questions relating to this Preliminary

Amendment, or the application in general, it would be appreciated if the Examiner would telephone the undersigned attorney concerning such questions so that prosecution of this application may be expedited.

Respectfully submitted,

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